

**SVSL Minutes – Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Meeting held at: Whiting Library; Chester, VT at 6:30 p.m.**

In attendance were the following team representatives:

Bennington	--	no representative
Brattleboro	--	Larry Besserer Beverly Baldwin Loren Cole
CRVS	--	Christian Avard
Killington	--	Kristin Alf
Manchester	--	John Spencer
Quechee	--	no representative
Rockingham	--	Jan Mitchell-Love Sarah Manning
Rutland	--	Barb Marshall
Woodstock	--	no representative

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Barb Marshall, president.

II. Minutes

It was moved by Kristin, seconded by Larry, and unanimously approved to pass the minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There were no additions or changes.

III. Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$3,708.95.

All bills are paid.

Larry Besserer, Treasurer, shared the following information:

Cost of ribbons and medals for 2016 = \$2,157.00 and in 2015 = \$1,417.00

Kristin Alf added that she spent \$263.00 on pins.

Larry would like to see some coordination between VSA State Championships and SVSL Championships.

It was moved by Kristin, seconded by John, and unanimously approved to pass the treasurer's report.

#### IV. Old Business

##### A. Review of SVSL Championship Meet

Comments were positive: the meet ran smoothly, Michelle Karien did an excellent job as starter and running the officials meeting. Also, the food was good.

##### B. Review of VSA meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>

Discussed driving distances for the various SVSL teams.

##### C. Review of stroke and turn for 2016 – Kristin Alf

Kristin went over the numbers of certified judges per team and apprentice judges per team.

She showed a copy of the certificate and the pin she awarded to judges once they were certified.

There was a suggestion to perhaps add an additional stroke and turn clinic to take place after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### . New Business

##### A. 2017 stroke and turn clinics: dates, times, and locations

Four clinic dates and locations were suggested:

1. In Springfield: Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>: at the police station
2. In Brattleboro: mid-May, perhaps May 24<sup>th</sup>: location: TBA
3. In Manchester: either Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the pool.
4. In Quechee: after the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> at the club

Starter's clinic:

At Woodstock: date and location TBA

##### B. 2017 VSA Championship Meet

Larry will be getting the contract signed.

Northern VSA teams will be doing everything else.

C. 2017 summer schedule

Melissa Patterson will compose the schedule

All teams: please send Melissa the following information: dates that work for your team, how many home meets you want to have, and who you would like to swim.

About February: Melissa will remind everyone to send her this information so that a draft can hopefully come out in March.

D. Revisit USA certification of stroke and turn officials tabled from April 18<sup>th</sup>'s meeting

The following discussion took place:

1. how to get more SVSL officials to get certification: impediments appear to be cost and the four required apprenticeships.
2. discussed ways to encourage SVSL officials to seek certification
3. John pointed out that coaches need some introduction to USA officiating versus summer league officiating.
4. reminder given that any parents with questions or issues should communicate with the coaches; the coaches will communicate with the officials.

E. Update on website

1. Meet results

--John reported that meet results were okay in summer, 2016 but could be better.

--He requested that he be given the points for each meet

--There will be a new template up in 2017 for meets, along with instructions on how to do it.

--Teams are strongly encouraged to use a new template each year.

F. Update on team contacts list: Jan Mitchell-Love

The contact list was distributed for updates.

G. Bylaws revisions update

Reviewed the proposed changes; they will be voted on at the next meeting.

H. Rules of Competition update: tri meet details – Nicola Smith

The question arose of who brings what officials to tri-meets.  
Barb will look at the Rules of Competition with updates in mind.

I. Other

1. Jamie in Rutland wants to bring up discussion of a proposed rule. If your town has a swim team, you cannot swim for another team. Members discussed this and decided they didn't want a rule for this.

2. Kristin reported Bethel will not be swimming with the SVSL this year.

3. Stroke and turn policy: \$50.00 fee for failing to provide required officials at meets. This was discussed. It was decided to keep this policy.

Kristin will update the Rules of Competition.

4. Will Rutland have its new pool by summer, 2017?

Answer: unknown but Rutland will probably swim at Northwood pool in summer, 2017.

VI. Next meeting -- date and location

The next SVSL meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th at Whiting Library in Chester at 6:30 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.